

Berrien General Rejects Study, Pays \$18,000

BY JERRY KRIEGER
County-Farm Editor

Trustees of Berrien General hospital paid \$18,000 last fall for some advice they presumably didn't want to hear.

This newspaper has learned that the board paid that sum to Donald E. Pound, a Lansing hospital consultant it hired about a year earlier to make a study of the future course for Berrien General.

Pound confirmed he was paid that amount for work done on the study before the board said it didn't want to proceed

further with the study.

Edward Maltix, chairman of the hospital board, confirmed the payment to Pound.

Completion of the study was cancelled by the board after Pound told the members, in effect, that the acute care department of Berrien General was not a necessity to the community.

Pound said he told them in a meeting on March 9, 1972, that the primary purpose the acute care facility was serving was to

"provide a base to attract and maintain a group of doctors for the mid-Berrien area."

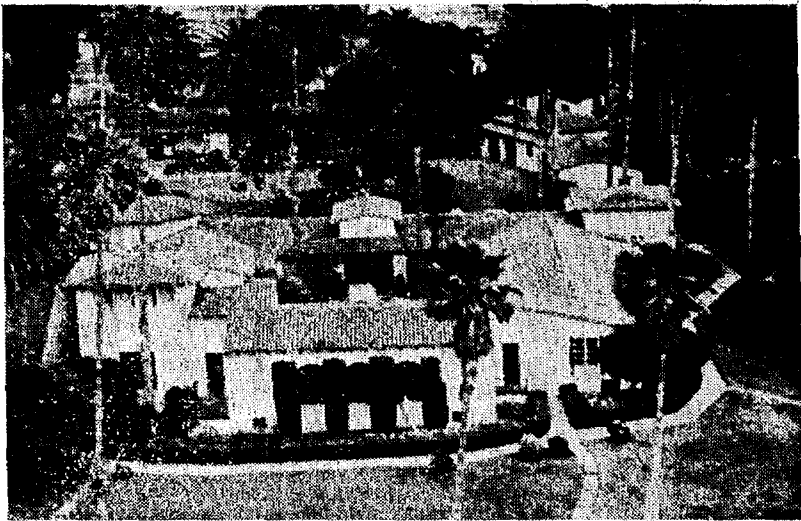
The trustees had hired Pound to make the study of BGH's future in October of 1971. At the March 9, 1972, meeting, Pound said this week he told the trustees that whatever recommendations he would make would be based on his assumptions that the hospital "was not fulfilling an unmet need in the community."

The board indicated later to Pound that it did not want the

study completed, and Pound said he never prepared a final report. He said he had discussed some of his findings with the board verbally at several progress meetings.

Pound, who is head of the health facilities management division of Danielson, Schultz & Co. of Lansing, said he retained a lawyer to negotiate the \$18,000 settlement he received late last fall for the work he had done on the aborted study.

The Lansing consultant said he would have liked to complete the study and final report.



THE WESTERN WHITE HOUSE AT SAN CLEMENTE

White House Brands Story As A 'Total Fabrication'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A newspaper report that President Nixon may have used 1968 campaign funds to buy his California estate has been denounced by the White House as "a total fabrication."

"It is a totally false and malicious report," said press secretary Ronald Ziegler Monday of the Santa Ana, Calif., Register story.

The newspaper quoted unnamed investigators for the Senate Watergate committee as saying they believed Nixon may have used \$1 million in unreported funds left over from his 1968 presidential campaign to purchase the estate at San Clemente.

Sen. Sam J. Irvin, D-N.C., chairman of the special committee, said, "I never heard about it

before you mentioned it."

Staff lawyers said they had no such report.

"It is incredible that I even have to issue a denial of a story such as this," said Ziegler, who criticized the Associated Press for carrying the report.

Ziegler said that Nixon has always provided "a complete accounting of his holdings and assets" and added that details of the San Clemente purchase were previously spelled out by the White House.

Orange County land and tax records list the property in the name of Title Insurance and Trust Co. of Los Angeles. Ziegler, asked about this, said he hoped to provide a full account of Nixon's land holdings and purchase arrangements in the near future.

Lots Of School Board Races

Voters in southwestern Michigan school districts will have a variety of candidates to choose from in individual district elections June 11 as a result of candidate filings yesterday.

Some 104 persons filed by the 4 p.m. deadline for the 53 positions available in 29 high school districts.

Races for board positions

exist in all but three of the districts. The three are Berrien Springs, Brandywine and Galien, all in Berrien county.

Reports on filings in each district are to be found inside.

Fast Time Foes Heard Loud, Clear

BY ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Voicing their opinions, frustrations and anger at "double fast time", a vast majority of the some 425 persons who gathered here Mondaynight at a public hearing told the Department of Transportation they want to switch to the Central Time zone.

In a standing vote taken during an emotion-charged session, only about 15 or 20 of those present stood to the call for those opposing the switch.

Last night's audience was comprised heavily of farmers and fruit growers, with lesser numbers of factory workers and other occupations.

"This time deal raises hell with the fruit grower," one farmer testified. "We have to wait an extra hour to harvest on DST due to the dew problem in the morning and by then I can barely make it to market in time. How many states are two hours ahead of the sun?"

Two other hearings will be held, tonight for Cass county in the commissioners' room, County Annex building, Cassopolis; and Wednesday night for Van Buren county, in the circuit court room, courthouse, Paw Paw. Both hearings will begin at 7 p.m. (EDST).

Stephen L. Grossman, assistant general counsel in the U.S. Department of Transportation, told those in attendance last night that if the request from the boards of commissioners of the three counties to switch to Central Time is granted, it would not go into effect until early August.

He said following the three local hearings, persons have until June 1, to file written opinions on the matter with the Department of Transportation.

Grossman said of letters received so far in his Washington office, 294 favored the switch to Central Time; 184 were opposed to it; and 89 indicated they didn't want Daylight Savings Time.

Berrien County Commissioner Carl Gnodtke of Galien presented Grossman with 820 more letters upon Grossman's arrival in the Twin Cities yesterday. Gnodtke, who has spearheaded the move for Central Time, said at a press conference earlier in

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TIME LETTERS: Stephen Grossman (left) assistant general counsel with the U.S. Department of Transportation, and Carl Gnodtke of Galien, Berrien county commissioner, sift through 800 letters that Gnodtke presented Grossman yesterday. Gnodtke said the letters represent over 2,500 opinions on the time issue. He said of these opinions, over 2,300 would like to see Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties switched to the Central Time zone or removed from Eastern Daylight Savings Time. Grossman conducted public hearing on time zone switch proposal last night. Another is scheduled night in Cass county and Wednesday night in Van Buren. (Staff photo)

Temperatures Above Predicted Freezing Levels

A frost predicted for southwestern Michigan last night failed to develop. Low temperatures reported from various localities generally were above 32 degrees.

A slight warming trend is expected to keep the mercury in the high 30's tonight, according to the forecast.

However, frost damage was reported the night before last on low sites in the Paw Paw-Mattawan area and some damage is expected there on plums, peaches, cherries, grapes and asparagus.

Temperatures reportedly hit the 23 to 25 mark in the Traverse City area early Monday morning, but so far there has been no confirmation of the extent of bud damage to cherries in that area.

Harvey Belter, Berrien county horticultural agent, fruits said that cherries in the Traverse City region are between full bloom and petal fall and if temperatures hit the mid-20's there "cherries would have to be hurt."



FRANK POORMAN

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Buchanan Man On Council

LANSING—Frank Poorman of Buchanan, vice-chairman of the Berrien county board of commissioners, was one of nine persons appointed Monday to the newly created Michigan Public Transportation council.

An appointee of Gov. William Milliken, Poorman will serve with other council members to advise the state highway commission on public transportation needs and programs.

Governor Milliken also appointed two others, while the State Highway commission and the House and Senate each named two.

In addition to Poorman, the governor appointed Herman Dubbelde of Escanaba, vice president of the State Bank of Escanaba, and Hubert Holley of Detroit, financial secretary and treasurer of Division 26 of the Almagamat Transit union.

The State Highway Commission named Guy Larcom Jr. of Ann Arbor, a development executive and former city manager, and Mayor William Butler of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Senate Republican Leader Robert VanderLaan of Kentwood named J. Paul Jones of Greenville, a professional community planner with Williams and works in Grand Rapids, as one Senate appointee.

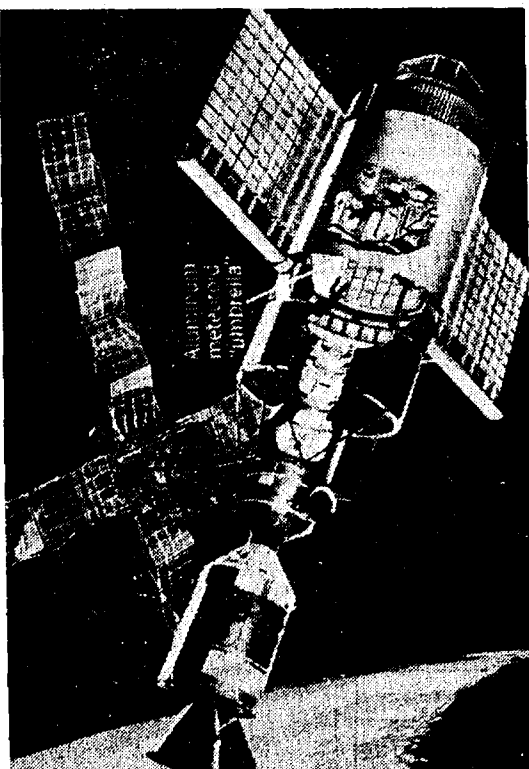
Sen. Coleman Young of Detroit, Senate Democratic floor leader, selected William Kreger of Wyandotte, president of Coca Cola Bottling Co. outlet at Wyandotte, as the other.

Rep. Clifford Smart of Walled Lake, the House Republican leader, named Rockwell Gust Jr. of Bloomfield Hills, an attorney.

House Speaker William Ryan, D-Detroit, selected James Raney of Lansing, staff member of the United Auto Workers Union.

The nine were named to various terms. Senate confirmation of the appointments is not needed.

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SKYLAB'S PROBLEM: The aluminum meteoroid shield which formed a complete cylinder around the living area of the Skylab apparently stripped away, preventing the solar array 'wings' on each side of the space station to deploy after the Skylab was launched Monday at Cape Kennedy, Fla. The damage forced a delay in Tuesday's launch of the three astronauts, pushing it back to Sunday. (AP Wirephoto)

Space Agency Tries To Salvage Mission

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — The crippled Skylab space station, short of electrical power, circled the earth today as experts sought ways to salvage three manned missions in America's first orbiting laboratory.

To give them time to ponder, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration delayed the launching of the three Skylab 1 astronauts until Sunday, perhaps longer.

Charles Conrad Jr., Dr. Joseph P. Kerwin and Paul J. Weitz were to have ridden a Saturn IB rocket into space today to link with the 85-ton laboratory for a record 28-day stay in orbit.

"We still have high hopes that they can stay up 28 days, but during the last few days their activity will have to be curtailed because of the power shortage," explained Skylab program director William C. Schneider at a news conference late Monday.

"Everybody seems to be holding a post-mortem on Skylab," he said. "But we think we can achieve a lot of our objectives."

And he said there is still a

possibility that the Skylab 2 and 3 flights, each scheduled for 56 days later in the year, might be fulfilled. He said that assessment probably can't be made until after the Skylab 1 voyage.

The laboratory, as large as a

Agents Paid Over \$3 Million

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—The Michigan lottery has paid \$3.25 million in sales commissions in a little more than six months, according to the lottery bureau.

The bureau said Monday \$84,950 has been paid to agents who sold tickets to super drawing winners or millionaire drawing finalists. Agents receive a five per cent sales commission.

At Blossom Lanes - red pin dices. Every Fri. at 8 PM & 9:30 PM. Begins May 18, Adv.

three-bedroom house, was lofted into a perfect 273-mile-high orbit Monday by a Saturn 5 rocket. Everything was going so well during the first orbit that a flight control official called it a "superbird."

But trouble began even before the Skylab reached orbit.

Just 63 seconds after liftoff, a paper-thin aluminum overcoat designed to protect the lab from micrometeorite hits apparently was ripped from the side of the spacecraft, Schneider reported. This failure apparently damaged two winglike solar panels that were to have extended from the sides of the spaceship to convert the sun's rays to electrical power.

The two 30-foot panels deployed only partially and are useless. Efforts to dislodge them by radio command failed.

The mishap with the shield occurred 40,000 feet up while the 33-story-tall Saturn 5 was subjected to maximum pressure from high altitude wind shears.

"There are severe vibrations at this point in the flight, and

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CITIZEN'S MEDAL: President Nixon presents Vera Clemente, the widow of Roberto Clemente, the Presidential Citizens' Medal which she received in honor of her late husband Monday at the White House. (AP Wirephoto)

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Health Food Buffs Take Up Arms

Laws and regulations to control what people should display on their persons or put down their gullets have been on the books for centuries.

Originally this sumptuary legislation directed itself to what the establishment of its time considered extravagance in clothing. Either it tried to tax fancy dress out of existence or discourage its parade by throwing the wearer in jail.

The temperance movement, which began as a local option attack on alcoholic beverages a century before the 18th Amendment was adopted, was a second prominent step in controlling personal habits.

Within the past few years tobacco, except as it may be chewed or sniffed, has come under serious attack from governmental and private quarters.

The Food and Drug Administration is now embroiled in the latest of such hassles.

The FDA's guiding spirit is to protect the consumer from products which can harm the body. This covers a wide gamut, from botulism in processed foods, to cough syrup which may or may not soothe an irritated throat, to beauty aids.

Because of its sweeping authority to ban items from the shelf, to require modification in their contents, and to hold up the sale of new products until safety checks have been run on them, the FDA is embroiled daily with somebody catering to human product use and consumption.

The overnight development of consumerism has raised a new set of critics.

The Naderites say the FDA is too slow and too lenient in keeping questionable materials from the public.

The agency's newest hassle is with the health food industry and its vitamin loving customers.

The FDA has issued a regulation to be effective this coming January 1st drastically limiting the free dispensing of minerals, super vitamins and other food supplements.

The suppliers of those hopped up supplements will have to label them as drugs which means the buyer must first obtain a physician's prescription to purchase them.

The industry claims the FDA proposal will wreck its business. It is not taking the matter lying down.

A mail campaign of hurricane dimension is flooding the FDA's offices and the Congressional halls.

Phil Gailey, a Washington correspondent for Knight Newspapers,

quotes one unidentified Representative as saying, "I've received more letters on this vitamin issue than on Watergate and busing combined."

Specifically the FDA will require the drug labelling and dispensing requirement on any vitamin or mineral supplement exceeding 1½ times the U.S. Daily Recommended Allowance. Setting those tolerances is an advisory group upon which the FDA leans heavily, the Food and Nutritional Board of the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council.

A bill already is at the drafting stage in the House to nullify the FDA's order.

The main pitch in health foods is the claimed nutritional failure in most of today's supermarket offerings by reasons of soil deficiency or commercial processing methods.

They enjoy a secondary sales boost from many people who are convinced that organic gardening and supplementation are the only safeguard to pollution hazards, particularly atomic radiation.

The FDA replies in sober politeness this is being worked up over imaginary perils, that a balanced diet of ordinary food supplies adequately stokes the normal individual's system.

It also goes on to say that any preparation which claims to prevent, treat or cure a disease is a drug and not a food as those two terms are commonly understood.

Any food, possibly including those that are cooked almost beyond recognition, has some health giving properties. It may also contain some malignant propensities.

In that sense food of every type is a drug.

A drug is a concentrate of certain materials formulated to perform a designed effect, hopefully a beneficial result. Its composition and dosage traditionally has been reserved to the medical scientist and to the doctor handling a patient. Administering drugs runs against the fact that the reaction to them can vary considerably as between patients.

The FDA is saying, in effect, that a broadside sale of supplemented foods can lay the groundwork for some unwanted customer reaction.

Eat your way to health has been a long standing slogan and until the FDA stepped onto the stage an incontestable one.

Maybe the theme song will now require a medical tuning spoon.

The Other Side

Many former prisoners of the North Vietnamese have testified, individually and in groups, to the ordeals they went through because of the visits to Hanoi of American celebrities opposing United States action in Vietnam. There was little reason to doubt the consequences of those visitations before. There is none now.

Hanoi had no better propaganda weapon at its disposal than was provided by the appearances of the Fondas, Clarks, et al. in Hanoi to condemn the effort the prisoners represented. To compound the insult by forcing the POWs, under threat of torture in some instances, to appear before these unofficial delegations for the purpose of buffering to propaganda effect is an experience the men who

were then existing on a day to day basis will never forget.

Five of the returned POWs appeared before the House Internal Security Committee to describe what happened at the staged conferences with the anti-war activists.

"I was personally tortured to meet a delegation that came to our camp in February, 1972," testified Navy Cmdr. David Hoffman. Cmdr. Edwin Shuman testified that he was "tortured fairly badly" because he refused to meet with one of the delegations. Air Force Capt. Larry Carrigan and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Hall provided similar testimony.

Isn't it curious that not one of the characters whose trips were so widely publicized by Hanoi has had the decency to admit appearing before the POW forums might have been a mistake?

It's Hogwash

One by one the old verities are crumbling. Private detectives held a meeting in London the other day, and to a man they said the glamorized image of a tough, fast talking, fast shooting "private eye" is so much hogwash.

One detective said he hasn't carried a gun in 10 years and has never been struck or shot at. As for swinging a blonde on each arm, the detectives said that's a false image, too, but they looked a little wistful.

What will this do to the sale of paperback books and TV shows? Not a thing.

Light At The End Of This Tunnel?



GLANCING BACKWARDS

7.5-MILL TAX INCREASE ASKED BY LAKESHORE

— 1 Year Ago —

The Lakeshore school board aimed at restoring school programs to last year's levels last night by asking voters to approve a 7.5 mill boost in the district's property tax rate in the annual school election June 12.

If the proposal passes during the annual school balloting, the board indicated buses will run the full year, 22 new teachers would be hired, the athletic program would be restored completely and high school students again would be able to

take up to six classes a day.

WATER PROGRAM MOVING ON

— 10 Years Ago —

Lincoln township joined St. Joseph township in moving ahead on creating a joint water-sewage authority by naming two citizens as the township's representatives to the authority.

William Ringler and Joseph Dwan were named by the township board at last night's meeting. When organized, the authority will have representatives from both Lincoln and St. Joseph townships and both the

villages of Stevensville and Shoreham.

RIP BREACH IN GUSTAV LINE

— 29 Years Ago —

The reborn army of France has advanced seven miles in Italy and driven a "significant breach" into the crumbling Gustav line with their American and British comrades driving steadily forward in hard, continuing fighting all the way from Cassino to the sea, allied headquarters announced today.

Half a dozen towns fell. Many more imposing mountain peaks, more important than the battle-reduced villages, were stormed. Prison cages filled with 2,000 German prisoners. The Americans were attacking important Spigno, 72 miles from Rome, after driving four miles north and west of Minturno.

TO GRADUATE

— 39 Years Ago —

A class of 17 will be graduated from New Buffalo high school where Joseph Kucera is valedictorian and Isabel Rozynek, the salutatorian.

OPEN HOME

— 49 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. George Fritz, who have been residing in the Hatfield apartments during the winter months, have given up their apartment there and are moving back to their residence on Lake View avenue for the summer.

GUEST SPEAKER

— 59 Years Ago —

Dr. W.L. Wilson of St. Joseph addressed a meeting of the Berrien County Medical Association at the Whitcomb hotel yesterday on early diagnosis of tuberculosis.

DECORATORS WORKING

— 81 Years Ago —

Chicago decorators are doing some nice work on the Hotel Whitcomb. The office and parlors are receiving their artistic touches.

SEC Chief Quizzed In Vesco Case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the Securities and Exchange Commission has been questioned by a Senate subcommittee looking into financier Robert Vesco's secret contribution to the Nixon re-election campaign.

SEC Chairman G. Bradford Cook spent five hours with the subcommittee Monday in a closed meeting. He refused to comment afterward on what the panel asked him.

Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., also refused to disclose what happened in the meeting.

ANTI-SLUM LAW

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Legislation to head off development of slums by giving property owners a tax incentive to keep their property in good repair was before the Iowa House Friday.

Bruce Blossat

'New Federalism' Hope Of Past?



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Neither the low tones of Watergate nor the high tones from President Nixon on the decentralizing "new federalism" seem likely to halt the flow of power to Washington — with perhaps still more for the White House that is already thought to have too much.

Before Watergate dampened all other news, U.S. lawmakers talked soberly — if only half-convincingly — of reasserting their acknowledged but inadequately used power over the national purse. The President's impoundments of money and cutbacks of some social programs enraged many.

In theory, the Watergate mess, illustrating the perils of concentrated power secretly employed, should strengthen the hand and the resolve of Congress. You'd never guess it had, however, by listening to a cluster of politicians and scholars gathered recently at the Woodrow Wilson Center to discuss the "new federalism" under sponsorship of the National Journal.

Waspsish, Alexander Bickel, well known Yale law professor, cut the argument over Congress to its soft core: when he described it as "the hope of the past."

He suggested that earlier American appraisers had misconceived the power potential in Congress as a co-equal branch of government. In fact if not in intent, the Constitution gives superior weight to the presidency and its bureaucracy.

First in wartime and then in eras of peace, the reality sank home. Presidents cut a wide

discretionary swath, sometimes cautiously, but sometimes arbitrarily and even arrogantly. Congress yielded, and steadily lost will even where it still in theory retained power.

Many Americans troubled at the centralization of authority in Washington tend more and more to see it as mostly a presidential thing. Much of it clearly is. Yet Bickel reminds us that the U.S. Supreme Court long has been a huge force for nationalizing power in this country.

Said the professor: "Every court decision which expands human rights expands the federal, centralizing power."

He could see nothing beyond the grasp of the national government today, with a compliant or Willowsy Congress bowled over by a muscle-flexing White House. He added:

"The commerce clause (the Constitution's famed area of widest latitude) reaches as far as human ingenuity can go to accomplish any ends."

Thus equipped, the national government (meaning of course mostly the presidency and the high court) is constantly tempted to stretch its mandate to new fields to act on what Bickel calls "moral imperatives" to do more and more.

If I heard him straight, self-restraint is the hope of the future. He put it in a kind of subtle, back-handed English from the college round table, but the message is clear:

"A certain economy of moral imperatives is needed to contain the centralizing impulses of the national government."

Jeffrey Hart

Watergate: A Pesky Irritation



In recent columns I have said a number of analytical things about Watergate, and chiefly how the mood that nurtured it derives from the 1960s civil war in American culture, a civil war that culminated in the clash between George McGovern's counter-culture and the middle-Americanism of the Nixon campaign in 1972. But here I would like to express a purely personal reaction to the scandal.

Strangely enough, I find that the rather commonplace word "irritation" best expresses my own response — not outrage or despair or apocalyptic gloom or any of the other rather extreme emotions that flow through the media like so many electric currents. Nothing profound, nothing dramatic, merely a persistent irritation, or perhaps impatience, with the whole affair.

I suppose it is a case, really, of a fundamental disproportion central to Watergate.

After all, beginning in about 1963, a number of people began to roll a rather large stone up

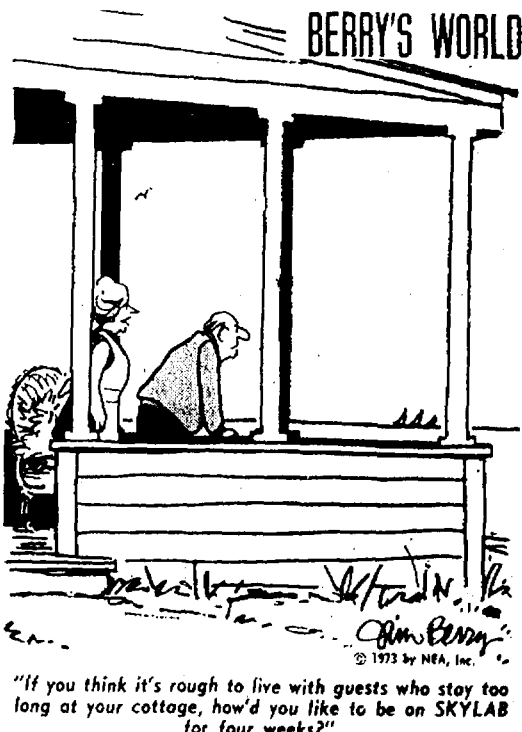
the political mountain. In 1968, I myself worked first with Governor Reagan and then in Richard Nixon's winning campaign against Hubert Humphrey. These were years of profound transition in the Republican Party and in the political life of the nation.

In the foreground, all through the late 1960's we had the counter-culture, the militant blacks, the war protesters and whatnot, and we had the spectacular campus uprisings. But the quieter and far more profound political fact was the shift of political power south and southwest, the crystallization within the Republican Party of a new, national middle-American majority.

Finally, in 1972, that majority crushes the McGovernites in a historic landslide, and, with the election behind him, Richard Nixon is able to take the initiative against his liberal Democratic opponents in the Congress. He has the leverage; it is manifest that cutting back on an entire array of vulnerable liberal programs has the support of the country. He has even begun to install Nixon men down at the secondary levels of the bureaucracy, insuring some discipline there. It seems reasonable to look forward to a whole series of losing Democratic attempts to override Nixon vetoes on fiscal matters. The Supreme Court is back on the reservation.

But then, lo and behold, everything is sidetracked and national attention diverted by an assortment of crazy stunts ranging from the break-in at the Watergate to the creation of a phony cable linking John F. Kennedy with the assassination of Diem, not to mention the idiotic letter accusing Humphrey and Jackson — Humphrey and Jackson!! — of sexual irregularities.

I do not think, really, that the Watergate break-in "struck at the very root of American democracy," as Vermont Royster claims in the Wall Street Journal. The 1972 election expressed fundamental American political realities, though a better nominee than Senator McGovern would not have been beaten so badly.



"If you think it's rough to live with guests who stay too long at your cottage, how'd you like to be on SKYLAB for four weeks?"

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EDITOR'S MAILBAG

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The addressee of a Women's Political Caucus letter published in this newspaper last Saturday was inadvertently omitted. It was addressed to: Mr. Henry Locke, QIC Electronic Equipment, 5054 St. Joseph Avenue, Stevensville, Michigan.

BH To Vote On 2 Millage Proposals And 9 Candidates

Benton Harbor school district voters will have two operating millage propositions and nine board of education candidates to consider in the June 11 election.

The board of education last night voted to seek reinstatement of 7.5 mills that have expired and also to ask for an additional three mills. The taxes will be separate questions. A last-minute rush of candidates to beat the 4 p.m. filing deadline brought the field to

nine persons, contesting for two four-year terms on the board of education.

Candidates include incumbents Bernard R. Beland, 2555 Lu-Al drive, Fairplain; and Mrs. Ilene Fox, 3090 Hillandale road, Sodus.

Others whose petitions have been verified are Otis W. Joseph, 3193 Edwards road, Sodus; and Gary L. Ruhl, 1761 Smyers drive, Fairplain.

Because eight of the nine petitions were filed Monday, petitions of five candidates remain to be verified.

The candidates are: Ernest A. Clark, 870 Waukonda avenue, Benton Harbor, city; Wilce L. Cooke, 1312 Union street, Benton Harbor, city; Joe L. Davis, 220 Oden street, Benton Harbor, city; Melvin Farmer, Jr., 718 Thresher avenue, Benton Harbor, city; and Mrs. Connie Y. Patterson, 1820 Empire avenue, Benton township.

In other business before the board of education last night:

A pilot breakfast program for 300 students at Columbus school and Continuing Education center won approval by a 4 to 3 vote.

Cost of the pilot program for 1973-74 is estimated at \$24,000 funded entirely by federal money. The goal is to improve attendance and school work.

Trustee Ervin Kampe said he couldn't justify a breakfast program when another request was turned down: to open a building 10 minutes earlier in the morning for convenience of youngsters and parents. There also were comments that the \$24,000 is still tax money.

Trustee Bernard Beland said if Benton Harbor didn't use the federal funds someone else would. He also noted it was a function of the board "to get kids in school."

Mrs. Ilene Fox, Mrs. Janet Scott, Board President E. E. (Bill) Bentley and Beland voted for the breakfast while Kampe, Philip McDonald and Frank Culby opposed.

It took several votes to adopt minutes of the last regular meeting and special meeting of April 17 because of various amendments. Kampe moved that written statements presented by the public should be included in the minutes, namely a plan for redistricting.

Kampe also objected that a statement in the minutes by Mrs. Fox opposing fragmentation was signed "Ilene Fox, Secretary, Board of Education." Kampe said using the title of "secretary" indicated she was acting for the board when the rest of the board voted against her on that matter April 17.

The board voted to amend the April 17 minutes with Mrs. Fox voting no.

The three-day "Festival of the Arts" last weekend drew praise from board members. Culby noted it was "excellent with teachers and students doing a fantastic job."

In other matters, the board: —Adopted an interscholastic athletic program for girls consisting of noncontact sports.

—Approved use of various school facilities for the Berrien County and Canamier games with waiver of fees, providing that the school district is not liable for the operation of the

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NEGOTIATING TEAMS: Members of the negotiating teams for the St. Joseph division of Whirlpool and the International Association of Machinists Local 1918 review terms of new three-year contract approved Sunday by IAM members. Pictured are (from left) Seated: Bob Nernberg; Ed Kepp, IAM business representative; Ron Statz, director of industrial and community relations for St. Joseph division; and Al Romeo, Local 1918 president. Second

row: John Milmine; Kevin Cooney; Bob Bayman; Sam Carolla; and Tony Alt Sr. Third row: Don Goldner; Howard Nahikian; Erv Appelget, and Vern Iger. Missing from the picture are union negotiators Hazen Brownlow, M.B. Rogers, and Frank James. Contract is in effect and will be signed when formal document is completed. (Staff photo)



BONNIE BENSON
Valedictorian



ROBERT (ROB) EVERSOLE
Salutatorian

Bonnie Benson, Rob Eversole Lead Lakeshore

Bonnie Benson, daughter of St. Joseph township Supervisor and Mrs. Orval Benson, has been named valedictorian of the Lakeshore high school class of 1973 according to Jon Schuster, principal.

Named salutatorian was Robert (Rob) Eversole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Eversole, 5301 St. Joseph avenue, Stevensville.

Miss Benson, who achieved a 3.929 grade average, served as president of the senior class. She was also president of the Thespians and German club, and a member of the yearbook

staff, student council, and girls' basketball and track teams. She was the recipient of D. A. R. history and good citizen awards.

She plans to attend Valparaiso university, where she intends to major in psychology or pre-law.

Eversole, who achieved a 3.780 average, was captain of the 1972 football team. He was also a member of the track and wrestling teams, the National Honor society and Mu Alpha Theta honorary mathematical society.

He plans to attend Albion college, majoring in biological sciences.

Appeal Delays Sodus Transfer From BH District

Transfer of part of Sodus township from Benton Harbor school district to Eau Claire will be held in abeyance until there is state action on an appeal.

Benton Harbor Supt. Raymond Sreboth reported to his board of education last night that he had been informed by a state hearing officer that filing of an appeal last week stays the transfer which was approved May 2 by the Berrien county Intermediate school board.

Sreboth said he had a telephone conversation with Raymond Godmer, State Department of Education hearing officer, saying the transfer will be held up until final determination at state level. Sreboth said a written report was to follow.

The appeal was filed last week by some 20 Sodus families seeking to overturn the Intermediate board's action. The county board held that the transfer is to become effective July 1.

The transfer was granted by the county board because neither the Benton Harbor or Eau Claire boards opposed it.

Spokesman for the appellant Sodus residents is Mrs. Irene Fox, Benton Harbor board secretary, who was the only Benton Harbor board member to oppose it.

There was no word when a hearing on the appeal will be held. But the hearing process followed by a decision by the State Board of Education has taken months in past cases.

BH Schools Fuel Needs Go Unfilled

The Benton Harbor school district owns a fleet of 35 buses and 64 buildings, but nobody's bidding to sell them fuel for 1973-74.

Robert R. Smith, district business manager, reported not a single bid for gasoline and fuel oil was received in time for the official bid opening last Thursday.

Smith said several companies indicated

interest but not firmness of bids. He will negotiate with various suppliers to get the "most advantageous terms and supply arrangement."

Supt. Raymond Sreboth said, "It's obvious we'll face a price increase."

The gasoline bid for 1972-73 went for 13.9 cents a gallon.

Renewal Of Present Tax Lakeshore Asking 7 Mills

BY CURT BARTON
Staff Writer

Lakeshore school district voters will be asked to renew a seven-mill property tax levy for school operations at the June 11 annual school election.

Renewal of the levy, which expired with taxes collected this year, will be asked for two years. The levy was placed on the ballot by the school board last night.

If approved, the levy in its first year will raise \$542,500 towards a \$3.4 million budget, according to William Galbreath, acting superintendent. The district's total property tax rate last year was 28.876 mills.

Galbreath said millage levied for bonded debt will decrease by

one-half mill next year, but the district will not know its final tax rate until it is advised of its allocated millage.

In other action, the board approved new contracts, including salary figures, for nine district administrators. Seven were granted salary increases.

Administrators' salaries approved last night, and old salaries in parenthesis are: Galbreath, \$21,600 (\$21,000); Gloria Vanderbeck, curriculum director, \$18,300 (unchanged); Dennis Knola, assistant high school principal and athletic director, \$18,200 (\$17,800); John Woods, junior high principal, \$19,200 (\$18,700); and elementary principals Charles Reed, \$16,500 (\$16,200); Robert Porter,

\$15,900 (unchanged); Richard Peterson, \$14,950 (\$14,500); Leslie Collins, \$15,500 (\$14,500) and David Coffeen, \$14,500 (\$13,800).

Peterson was granted a one-year contract; all others, two year pacts.

Increases for the nine average 2.28 per cent, according to Galbreath.

At the recommendation of the curriculum director, the board voted to establish two classrooms in elementary schools for children with learning disabilities, and to apply for federal funds to initiate two more classrooms.

The first two are to be established under a program sponsored by the county inter-

mediate school district, which will reimburse Lakeshore for 75 per cent of the cost. Lakeshore's resulting expense was estimated at \$4,500 to \$5,000.

Before the board acted, Harold Stacik, president of the area chapter of the Michigan Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, told the board that parents of children with learning disabilities feel Lakeshore's treatment of their children needs improving.

Stacik called for a program of early detection and help. He said parents who feel their child may have a learning disability are sometimes rebuffed when they suggest the possibility to school personnel.

He called for the establishment of a five-year plan to

provide for the needs of high school and junior high as well as elementary students.

Bill Werick, director of shared-time programs for the West Berrien Consortium for Career Education, told the board nine shared-time courses open to Lakeshore students have been scheduled for next year.

New or improved opportunities for Lakeshore students will be provided in the areas of electricity and electronics, building trades and machine trades, according to Werick and Jon Schuster, high school principal.

The recently formed consortium includes Lakeshore, St. Joseph, Bridgman, Galien, River Valley and New Buffalo school districts.

SJ To Vote On 2 Millage Issues, Six Candidates

St. Joseph Board of Education election June 11 will have four candidates seeking two four-year terms and two candidates seeking one three-year term following the 4 p. m. Monday deadline for filing.

In addition St. Joseph school district voters will ballot on renewal of a 4.4 mill operating levy and a 0.35 mill tax to install kitchens in each of the city elementary schools to permit serving hot lunches.

St. Joseph Board of Education Monday night, meeting in the Upton Junior High school library, heard that nominating petitions filed by each candidate were in order. In addition the board formally approved the wording of the millage renewal and kitchen tax that will appear on the same ballot.

The candidates in the order they filed are: full four-year terms—Mrs. Beverly (Frank) Linn, 3055 Wissing Lane, Shoreham; Dr. Joseph B. Naines, Jr., 314 Murphy Court, St. Joseph; Robert T. Alt, 680 Manitou road, St. Joseph; and John W. Pielemeier, 1107 St. Joseph drive. Three-year term—Mrs. Fredda (Jack) Sparks, 2721 Highland Court, St. Joseph; and Mrs. Linda S. Child, 3624 Lake Shore drive, St. Joseph.

The four-year terms currently are held by Dr. Dean K. Ray and Douglas Burr, had announced earlier they would not seek reelection.

Shortly afterwards Arthur Franzen resigned following his

appointment to a post in Canada by Whirlpool Corp. His term had three years to run. William Rohn, immediate past president of the Citizens Advisory Council, was named to serve out the rest of the present school year. He too declined to seek re-election.

Business Manager Dennis Percy, in reading the formal ballot statement, said it is now permissible to include the information that the operating levy is a renewal of a tax that has expired.

He submitted a report showing that cost of installing kitchens in Lincoln, Washington and Jefferson schools would cost \$25,500 for major equipment, \$4,400 for small equipment, \$15,500 for mobile and on-wall tables, \$16,200 for installation and \$5,800 for contingencies. If district voters

approve the 0.35 mill tax that will raise \$42,550 which will go with a \$27,550 federal grant for total outlay of \$70,500.

The Board of Education had an unusually busy agenda. The board:

—Heard Supt. Richard Ziehmmer announce that Dr. Duane Lord, dean at Andrews University, will announce his recommendations for location of special education facilities at a meeting 4:30 p. m. May 30 at the Intermediate School district headquarters in Berrien Springs. Supt. Ziehmmer said Dean Lord is the parent representative on the county committee seeking the answer to the problem of providing facilities for youngsters needing special education.

—Appointed Walt Raschke acting director of services, suc-

ceeding Fred Markwart, who retired May 1. Raschke is currently supervisor of custodians.

—Approved purchase of stage curtains, backdrops and gymnasium curtains for Lincoln school. The PTO raised \$2,000 toward the \$2,400 total cost. The remaining \$400 will come from the building budget.

—Heard Milton Junior High school Principal Pat Ryan report the St. Joseph Education association had approved the 1973-74 school calendar. It calls for 180 days of instruction, Sept. 4 opening, Dec. 22-Jan. 6 Christmas vacation; March 26-31 spring vacation with June 7, 1974 the last day of school.

—Heard Principal James Heathcote announce the North Central Association of Colleges



SALES MANAGER: Donald E. Clements, 41, of Holland, has been named sales manager for Twin Cities Container corporation, Coloma, according to B. H. Kellogg, president. He joined firm in 1965. He and family will be moving to Coloma later this year.

and Secondary Schools, has continued accreditation. Only flaw in the report was that a

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Only 1 Race In Lakeshore

Nitz Guaranteed To Win

The lone race in the June 11 annual school election in Lakeshore school district will feature two school board candidates with the same last names.

Incumbent Arnold A. Nitz, 1171 West Hinchman road, Baroda, is being challenged by Neal M. Nitz, 19, of 7839 Baroda-Stevensville road, Baroda, a 1972 Lakeshore graduate.

The two are distantly related, according to Arnold Nitz. Both are seeking the remaining two years of the term of

George Schuch, who moved from the district. Arnold Nitz was appointed to fill the vacancy in March.

Running unopposed for a four-year term is John W. Steinke, board president, 250 East John Beers road, Stevensville.

Also on the ballot will be a request for voters to approve renewal of a seven-mill, two-year property tax levy for school operation.

\$2.5 Million Sports Unit On Coloma Ballot

COLOMA — Coloma school district voters will be asked to approve a \$2,505,000 bond issue in the June 11 school election to finance construction of a physical education building and athletic field.

If approved, school officials said the issue would add eight-tenths of a mill to the district's property tax rate to finance repayment of the bonds over 29 years.

Action on placing the issue on the ballot came at the school board session last night on recommendation of a citizens advisory group.

School spokesmen said the added millage would amount to about an \$8 per year tax on a \$20,000 house. They said the rate stemmed, in part, from seeking financing under the state bond

loan program.

Under the program, state funds are loaned to the district for repayment over 29 years, as the district's debt retirement payments permit. The loan and repayment formulas are tied to the seven mill figure levied for debt retirement.

Plans call for a physical education building, 300 by 200 feet, including gym, locker rooms, handball courts, wrestling room, weight room, showers and a swimming pool.

The athletic field would provide for football, all weather track, baseball diamonds, softball diamonds and youth baseball diamonds.

Presenting the recommendation of the citizen group to place the issue on the ballot was George Tutton, group chairman.

Attempts to split the proposal into three separate proposals by board member Richard Eastman were defeated by a 4 to 3 vote of the school board.

Eastman said residents against either the swimming pool or athletic field could defeat the entire proposal.

He said both items have been controversial in the past, but stressed that approval of the physical education building was the priority item, as far as he was concerned.

Voting in favor of splitting the proposal into three issues were Eastman, James Gales, and Kay Erickson. Voting against the proposal were board members Marion Priebe, Merlin Hauch, Louis Gelder and Marshall Badt, board president.

In other areas, Eastman was appointed as delegate to the

June 4 Intermediate School district board election. Marion Priebe was appointed as alternate.

Badt presented an engraved gold pen to Coloma eighth grader Vicki Berglund for winning first place honors at the Michigan French contest for first year students.

The board authorized Supt. William Barrett to begin looking for a part-time teacher, assistant principal for the Middle school to assist Principal Jon Cousins, beginning next year and to seek teachers interested in entering elementary guidance work.

The board approved holding a special school board meeting, Monday, May 21, at 8 p.m., in the high school cafeteria to hear Jack Kelly, a State Board of Education representative explain the state school bond loan fund.

Paw Paw Board Seeks Renewal Of Eight Mills

PAW PAW — School district residents here will be voting on June 11 on whether to renew an eight-mill property tax levy to help finance school operations for one year.

The school board last night, in an hour-long special meeting, gave unanimous approval for putting the renewal issue on the annual school election ballot.

Supt. Norval Bovee said renewal of the millage is necessary to keep up with the proposed 1973-74 budget which calls for a projected total of about \$2,404,000, a near eight per cent increase of the present school budget.

Bovee put the district's state equalized valuation for the coming tax year at \$34,837,981, a seven per cent increase over the 1972-73 SEV of \$32,401,297.

If the eight mills are approved, Bovee said, the resulting tax revenue would come to about \$278,704.

He said the school systems expect a fund equity, or surplus, at the end of the school year of about \$300,000, but that the surplus must be retained to meet operating expenses until state aid payments begin and until local tax revenues are disbursed.

Board Member Donald Johnson pointed out that a year ago the board had a near \$300,000 surplus to begin its school year, but that amount had dwindled to about \$6,000 by Dec. 1.

Keeping a surplus precludes borrowing money, and paying interest, to meet expenses, he said.

Half-Day Classes Are Scheduled At New Buffalo

NEW BUFFALO — Separate half-day sessions beginning in September for grades six through eight and nine through 12 were approved by the New Buffalo school board last night to handle reported overcrowding in the high school.

The schedule approved calls for grades nine through 12 to attend from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and for grades six through eight to attend from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Students in grades kinder-

garten through five are to attend from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The overcrowded conditions were cited by Supt. Walter Schwarz. He said the present school has adequate space for 400 students. He said next year there will be close to 800 students in the junior high-high school grades.

A \$3.5 million bonding request for financing a proposed new high school will go before New Buffalo voters in the June 11 school election. The board last night formally approved the June 11 question.

A separate \$500,000 proposition for a swimming pool was also placed on the June 11 ballot by the school board last night.

In other action, the board approved a 1973-74 school calendar calling for school to begin Sept. 4 and end June 6, 1974.

The resignation of Kenneth Freehling, high school history and geography teacher and varsity track coach, was announced.

It was announced that a federally funded summer program for elementary students needing academic assistance would be held June 18 through July 27.

Purchase of a 36-passenger bus body and chassis for combined low bids of \$7,965 was approved. Low bidders were, for the body, McFadden Corp., Lansing, and, for the chassis, James Hall Ford, Three Oaks.

Searching

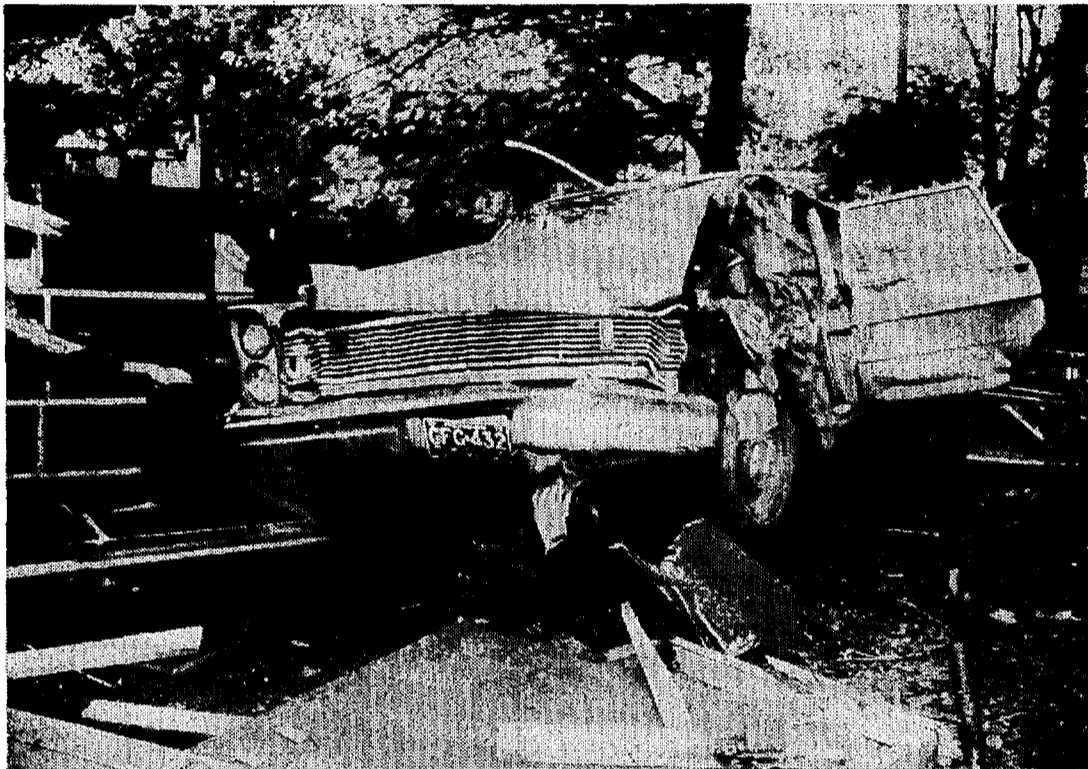
The regional Special Olympics is searching for a band organization which would be interested in donating its time from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday for the Olympics at Dickinson Stadium in St. Joseph.

Any interested band leader may contact Sue Vander Cluster at 925-3881 during the day or 983-1489 after 5 p.m.

Book Memorial

Friends of Lawrence Decker, a Benton Harbor junior high math teacher who was killed in a traffic crash May 2, have contributed \$160 to the Benton Harbor public library as a memorial.

Thomas Alford, library director, said the memorial fund will be used to buy books on hunting and fishing.



THREE HURT, GARAGE DESTROYED: Three occupants of this station wagon were injured Monday evening when the driver attempted to turn around in an alley and struck the garage. Listed in "fair" condition in Mercy hospital was Deborah Dancer, 14, of 1267 Blossom lane, Benton township. Treated and released were Mary Ann Dancer, 18, and Regina Dancer, 11, both of the same address.

Benton Harbor police reported that Mary Ann Dancer turned her car from Weld street, onto the alley that runs behind Hurd street. She told police that the car's brakes failed to stop the auto, and it piled into the garage, owned by Herman Coleman, of 1061 Hurd avenue. Police issued no tickets. (C.C. Brooks photo)

Van Buren Judge's Decision Prosecutor Appeals Dismissal

BY STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren Prosecutor William Buhl has filed an appeal in Van Buren circuit court to a decision of a district court judge who last week declined to impanel a jury on a traffic charge and subsequently dismissed the charge.

In the appeal filed Monday, Buhl asks that the traffic case be reinstated, that the court issue an order prohibiting the denial of jury trials, when requested, for traffic cases; that the court issue an order disqualifying the district court judge from the case; or that the court issue a show cause order on why an order for superintending control should not be entered.

The appeal was filed in connection with a traffic charge made by Decatur police against Henry H. Seisco, 18, of

Cassopolis, alleging that Seisco disregarded a traffic light. Buhl's writ alleges that Seisco had requested a jury trial and that the trial had been set for May 9.

The writ further claims that on the day of the trial Seventh District Court Judge Luther I. Daines refused to call a jury for the case and ordered Richard Halpert, an assistant to the prosecutor, to proceed with the case without a jury.

Buhl claims that to have proceeded without a jury would have deprived Seisco of his constitutional rights.

He further claims that the judge then dismissed the case with prejudice when Halpert did not proceed.

On the day of the hearing, Judge Daines maintained that there is authority giving judges, at their discretion, the power to refuse jury trials on traffic charges.

Buhl claims no such authority exists.

Buchanan Asks Renewal Of 16.35 Mills For Schools

BUCHANAN — In a special meeting last night, the Buchanan board of education voted to ask school district residents to renew a 16.35 mill tax for one year at the annual school election June 11.

The board noted 16.35 mills voted last year expired with the tax bills issued last December and that revenue is necessary to balance the tentative 1973-74 operating budget of \$2,409,509.

Based on the district's state equalized valuation, the 16.35 mills, if approved, will raise more than \$600,000 in tax revenue for the district.

In other business, the board appointed election boards to handle the June 11 election. Miss Ethel Beistle was named chairman of one board with Mrs. Dorothy Martin, Mrs. Berdella Peters, Mrs. Henrietta Miller, Mrs. Linda Shelles and Mrs. Charlotte Rifenberg. Chairman of the second board is Mrs. Hazel Welch, assisted by Mrs. Darlene Vigansky, Mrs. Marie Zelmer, Mrs. Esther Hamilton, Mrs. Martha Ferris and Mrs. Katherine McGowan.

Voting will be in the senior high school gym from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bangor Names New Date For Sewer Election

BANGOR — A special election on a proposed \$150,000 bond issue for improvements and extensions to city sanitary and storm sewers was rescheduled for July 18 by the Bangor city commission last night.

Originally, the commission had set June 27 for the election but the June date did not allow time to meet legal requirements.

In other business, the commission set the city tax rate at 17 mills, same as levied last year, and set Thursday and Friday, May 17-18, for rubbish pickups in the village. City crews will collect rubbish placed at curbside in disposable bags on both days.

Low bid of John Yerington Construction company, Benton Harbor, \$24,594.50 for widening and resurfacing Center street from the city limits to Arlington road was accepted.

Commissioners also awarded the contract for fluoridation equipment to L.F. Ford Supply company for \$1,299.75.

Commissioner Richard Ely was appointed to represent the city on the board of directors of the Bangor Area Recreation council.

The commission voted to send a letter of commendation to Police Chief Claude Robertson for his work in running the city department and to make a \$25 contribution to the American Legion Memorial Day parade committee.

The commission meeting scheduled Monday, May 28, was rescheduled for Tuesday, May 29, because of the Memorial Day holiday.

Paw Paw Beats Fluoride Statute On Split Vote

BY STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — In a split 4-3 vote here last night, the village council adopted an ordinance prohibiting the treatment of village drinking water with fluoride.

Council President John Thomas, noting that village residents in two previous referendums had rejected fluoridation, cast the deciding vote.

The ordinance becomes effective in 21 days, according to Warren Sundstrand, village attorney.

Sundstrand had advised the council to vote on the issue because of a state law which he said would make fluoridation mandatory in the absence of an ordinance prohibiting it.

Voting for fluoridation were Councilmen Charles Smith, Dr. Robert Taylor, a dentist, and Fritz Fooy.

Voting against it were Thomas, and Councilmen

Charles Cusumano, Frank Thompson and Dalton Rumsey.

In other action, Thompson submitted his resignation from the council, effective June 1.

Thompson, appointed in April of last year to the council, cited business obligations as the reason for his resignation.

Thomas ordered several council committees to study possible ordinances and costs of the village providing garbage pickup service.

He also ordered a study, to include costs, of a possible building to house the fire department, township offices and the village police department.

Thomas also asked for work to begin on an ordinance that would ban burning within the village.

PAINTINGS STOLEN

VENICE, Italy (AP) — Four paintings from the 16th century and 30 old weapons were stolen from the Venice naval museum, police announced today.

Bars Raise \$4,450 For Dimes Campaign

Members of the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties raised \$4,450.81 for the 1973 March of Dimes campaign.

The totals were announced last night at a meeting at Holiday Inn, St. Joseph. Members in Van Buren raised \$2,057.15; Berrien \$1,487.50, and Cass \$906.16. Champion fund raiser was Clarence Kozminko of Rush Inn, Mattawan, with \$1,000.

Bangor ADC Dad Ordered To Pay

A Bangor dad was ordered Monday in Berrien circuit court to pay off \$488 arrears for one child on ADC immediately.

Judge William S. White ordered Karry Fields, of County Road 376, Bangor, to continue \$23 weekly support payments and pay the arrears forthwith, George Westfield, Berrien friend of the court, reported.

River Valley Tax Requests On Ballot

THREE OAKS — Residents in River Valley school district will vote on two millage propositions at the annual election June 11 as result of school board action last night.

The board voted to seek renewal of 11.8 mills for operations for three years, and 2.5 mills for paving for one year.

Supt. Harold Sauser said the 11.8 mills represents all extra-voted millage levied in the district. He said this millage expired with the winter tax collection.

The 11.8 mills amounts to about \$571,000, or about one-fourth of the total operating budget, he said.

He noted the board feels the renewal is necessary as a minimum for operation next year, without knowing what state aid will be. After that is known, said Sauser, a determination can be made whether the renewal will be sufficient to meet

increasing costs.

The 2.5 mills is designated for paving and resurfacing at all schools in the district. It would raise about \$120,980.

Sauser said funds would be used for resurfacing parking lots at Chikaming and New Troy campuses, paving of Three Oaks playground area, resurfacing existing paving at the high school, and blacktopping of gravel areas at the high school.

In other action bid of Calho Fence company, South Bend, Ind., for chain link fencing on gymnasium balcony, fencing in front of bleachers and walk-in gate at the athletic field was accepted. The bid for \$1,835.40 was lowest of three submitted.

Teacher contracts for Stephanie Laskoski of Rolling Prairie, Ind., graduate of Ball State University, and Janice Stango of Philadelphia, Pa., graduate of LaSalle college, were approved.

They will teach in elementary grades.

The board accepted with regret the resignation of Miss Marie Sivak, library coordinator. She has been in the system 12 years.

Poll workers for the June 11 election were appointed as follows: Mrs. Edward Bahnke, Mrs. Milburne Heckathorn, Mrs. Walter Lange, Mrs. Devon Seifert, Mrs. Wesley Zieger, Mrs. Michael Heidinger, Mrs. Otto Klupp, Mrs. P. J. Walton, Mrs. Frank Myers, Mrs. Frank Kramer, Mrs. Pat Poegalek, and Mrs. Joan Zebell, with Mrs. Gaylord Hass and Mrs. Bridget Troba as alternates.

The board voted to employ Duane Olmstead, high school principal, for three weeks after school is out in June. He has resigned as principal and is eligible for vacation starting the last day of school.